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The Virden Advance.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12th, 1883.

THE LAST SPIKE.

The Gap in the Rockies Closed on Saturday Morning.

The C. P. R. Completed from Osgoon to Ocean.

Details of the Closing Ceremony at Craigellachie.

Congratulatory Message from Queen Victoria.

(Montreal Free Press.)

"LAST SPIKE OFFICIAL" Craigellachie, via Eagle, B. C., Nov. 7.

Track-laying was commenced at 6 o'clock this morning on the last half mile of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

At 6 o'clock the last rails had been brought forward and measured for cutting, to make the connection. One rail was cut and placed, and the other left until Vice-President Van Horne and party arrived.

Major Rogers made several blows with the heavy sledge on the last rail, helping to cut it. One hundred and twenty feet of rails were then taken up and left on the lorries to be placed when Mr. Van Horne and party arrived. Immediately afterwards an eastern train made its appearance with six magistrates and men. The train drove close to the ends of the track and the party came forward.

At twenty-two minutes past six everything was in readiness to complete the connection. The Hon. Donald A. Smith took the main in hand to drive the last spike. After missing it a few times he drove it home amid cheers from all present.

After congratulations had been exchanged on the completion of the great work, Mr. Van Horne's special train passed over the connecting links and departed for Port Moody, the present terminus of the road, where they will take a special steamer for Victoria. Chills from the last day were carried away as momentary by the present. Much speculation was indulged in as to what the length of the last rail would be. It proved to be twenty-five feet five inches, a considerable margin changed hands among the sports. Photographers were on hand and took views of the proceedings from various positions.

THE QUEEN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Osgoon, Nov. 7.—The following jacket, conveying the Queen's congratulations on the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway, has been received by Sir John Macdonald:

OTTAWA, Nov. 6, 1883.

DEAR SIR JOHN MACDONALD: I have received by cable, through the Secretary of State, Her Majesty's commands to convey to the people of Canada her congratulations upon the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Her Majesty is pleased to say that she has watched its progress with much interest, and that she hopes for the future success of a work of such value and importance to the empire. You will, I have no doubt, take steps in order to give publicity to Her Majesty's gracious congratulations. Let me conclude this note by expressing the hearty satisfaction with which I have learned that this great national work has been successfully accomplished. I am, Dear Sir John, yours sincerely,

(Signed) LARDEN.

BENEATH THE WAVES.

A Terrible Disaster on Lake Superior.

The Steamer Algoma Wrecked on Isle Royale.

Thirty-Seven Persons Supposed to be Drowned.

Port Arthur, Nov. 9.—The steamer Algoma, which arrived this even-

ing, reports the Algoma wrecked on Isle Royale. The vessel, a one-mile north of Hook Harbor light-house in a blinding snowstorm about 4:30, Saturday morning, while on her last trip. The boat is a total wreck, all that remains of her is from the boilers aft.

Fourteen survivors were picked up by the Albatross. Captain Moore being badly hurt. The tug Siakwili has gone to the wreck to pick up any bodies that may wash ashore, and secure the wreckage. Thirty-seven persons are supposed to be lost.

The Algoma left Owen Sound on her trip on Thursday, and was due at Port Arthur on Saturday. The eastern end of Isle Royale, on which she struck, is dangerous on account of the shelving rocks extending far beyond the shore line. No list of the passengers could be obtained, as the ship's papers were destroyed or lost, and no other record of them was available. Some of the passengers were bound for Winnipeg, among them being the wife and two children of Mr. Dudgeon, salesman in Mr. Flury's dry goods store. Of the others, it is impossible to speak with any certainty.

ARROW RIVER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. J. T. Lynch has completed and moved into his new house. It will be quite an addition to our hamlet, in music as well as numbers, as Mr. Lynch and family are noted for their musical qualities.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., our popular teacher, Mr. John Fleming, will close his school for this season with an examination through the day and an entertainment at night. Mr. Fleming is fortunate in being able to teach and homestead at the same time, and his appearance would indicate that he is thoroughly happy over it.

ACROSS THE RIVER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Chas. McCullough shot two wild geese the other day with one bullet from his Winchester.

Mr. Wm. McKenna started for Brandon this week to attend the proposed sale of Moray's Hanna.

In consequence of the fine weather this thing is about wound up, and farmers are settling down to winter with no snow yet.

I would like to give the names of the two men, in the vicinity, who dug three bags of potatoes in ten hours; but either of them is no slouch with a spade.

A tea-meeting (if the term is not too old) is to be held in the Brevel house advertising on Tuesday night, Nov. 15th. An able committee is interested in the matter, and there is no doubt but it will be a grand success.

FOUNDMAKER.

BEULAH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Stirling and family are going to move into the house belonging to Mr. A. Fraser.

Mr. F. Fraser has been very ill for some time and his wife is deceased, but she is now convalescent.

Butchering has commenced. Mr. Spaulding killed the first beaver of the season last week, and Mr. Lyons and J. W. Doyle have been slaughtering the swine.

Mr. Broadly has finished and moved into his new house, and has also erected a carpenter's shop behind it. This gives him an improved appearance of the town.

The Rev. G. H. Long has announced for a Gospel Temperance meeting on Sunday evening, Nov. 18th. A good attendance is expected as this is one of the life questions of the day.

Mr. Doyle is selling his White Russian wheat for 75 cents per bushel, for seed. The farmers around here are going to try some Swedish wheat, of which most say besides Red Fife.

Mr. Watson and family left last week for the east. They did not have a homestead and so had no particular interest in the place, more than having taken up some Swedish land. He never, we understand, took kindly to the life of a pioneer.

LOCAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A prayer meeting is held every Thursday evening in the school house.

Mr. J. D. Harrison has sold and shipped 600 bushels of French wheat, realizing nearly forty cents per bushel for it.

One evening during the meetings, W. Elliott, W. Evans and Mr. Copeland tied their hands and made a kind of school house, where, at the close, they went to get their rig-

horns, buggies and post were all gone. Constipation was pictured on many faces, and there was meeting and chasing on Cannobie lake, and after some time the man was found fast in a blue, all still tied to the post. Some two dollars worth of buggies were damaged and that was all. It took the owners some time to find their lady companions as they had started home, not knowing when their records would return. We understand, however, that all were ultimately picked up.

We regret that some of our prominent citizens are going to leave. J. H. Cunningham, F. Albertson and F. M. Lye, our popular teacher, will soon be turning their faces towards the land of the rising sun. Miss French, who has been visiting her sister here for some five months, will soon be leaving for her eastern home. She will be missed and mourned by her many friends both here and at Arrow River.

For some three weeks the Rev. G. G. Long, Methodist minister, has been holding revival services in the school house with very good success. They were closed Friday evening last, when over a dozen pledged themselves to a life of holiness.

The spiritual tone of our neighborhood has been raised in consequence.

This city (in embryo) is situated in T. 15, R. 25, and all it requires to make it a place of some importance is a few more general stores, some enterprising tradesmen with capital to develop native industry, and a railroad, which all may be forthcoming in due time, or just as soon as we get a newspaper to advertise the natural advantages of the place. As it is we will have to take advantage of the columns of your lively little paper to sing its praises and record its news. Its physical features are varied, and consist of undulating prairie, dotted with bluffs which give it a park-like appearance. Musically, we are well blessed, as we were more music to the square mile than any other place you can name. Intellectually, a fair average; and spiritually we are improving. So much for the place, and now for the news.

Are Advertisements Read.

One of the largest advertisers in New York says:—We once hit upon a novel expedient for ascertaining what were our advertisements were read. We published a couple of half-column ads in which we purposely mistaked half a dozen historical facts. In less than a week we received between 300 and 400 letters from all parts of the country from people wishing to know why we gave them such a course. Some of the letters were from Americans, but who knew so little about American history. The letters came pouring in for three or four weeks. It was one of the best paying ads we ever printed. But we do not repeat the experiment, because the one I referred to served its purpose. Our letters came from school-boys, professors, clergymen, school-teachers, and in two instances from eminent men who have a world-wide reputation. I was more impressed with the value of advertising from these all advertisements than I should have been in a volume of theories.

Orangeburg at Moonomin.

The concert and ball, held in the Orange Hall, at Moonomin, on Thursday evening last, was an unqualified success. Amongst the artists, who took part in the concert was Mr. Jos. Wilson, well known in this town, whose fine singing, coupled with his own indescribable wit, evoked shouts of applause. Several other well-known musicians took part, and on the whole the affair afforded much pleasure to those who were present, as was evidenced by the frequent plaudits which were given. The ball after the concert, was also a very successful affair. The dancing took place in the Concert hall, which seemed just suited for the purpose, and was continued, with only one interruption, and that was the intermission during supper, which was most ample.

Moonomin can boast of a good display of the fair sex, which might fitly grace towns of much larger size, and one might have judged from the number of beautiful and elegantly dressed ladies at the ball that it was really a town of much larger size. A look round, the next morning, however, really a town of about the same size as Virden, in not nearly so good a location and with less pleasing a country around it. In fact, we are not at first very favorably impressed with the appearance of the surrounding country, the land being very rolling and covered with scrub. However, the citizens of Moonomin are evidently of opinion that they have got possession of Paradise, and certainly one might almost think so judging from the bright and genial warmth of the sun that one everywhere meets with in this rising and promising town.

Results of Prohibition.

But to come back to the results of prohibition in Maine. Every distillery and brewery has been suppressed; there is not one remaining in the state. The liquor traffic has been reduced at least one-fourth of its former volume. In more than three-fourths of

the State, containing more than three-fourths of our population, the traffic is practically unknown. All our rural districts, our smaller towns and villages, have been delivered from the curse of the saloons, where they were numerous and obnoxious in the old run time. There was no village so small, no rural district so remote or obscure, that the liquor traffic did not find it and establish a grub-shop there. A prominent paper in Maine said some time ago:—"In a large part of Maine an entire generation has grown up practically ignorant of the liquor traffic, never having seen a liquor shop, nor the pernicious effects of the saloon. Our share of the National Drink Bill would be about \$15,000,000; half a million will cover the cost of all the liquor smuggled into the State and sold in violation of the law; we call it a million. Nobody in Maine displays this. We save at least twelve millions annually as the result of prohibition, and indirectly as much more, resulting in making Maine one of the most prosperous States in the Union, while in our old run time it was the poorest, our people spending in strong drink the value of our property of every kind every period of less than twenty years, as the people of the Union are now doing in every period of less than thirty-five years. The Maine law is no 'failure' but a great success. The liquor traffic in Maine is confined almost entirely to our larger towns and cities, where it is carried on upon a small scale, with more or less secrecy and caution.—GENERAL NEAL DOW.

GENERAL NEWS.

Riel has again been reprieved, until the 16th inst.

It is proposed to establish a vaccine farm for Canada.

War has broken out between Bulgaria and Servia.

The Northwest Council was opened at Regina last Thursday.

A British army is marching against King Tshew, of Barmah.

The citizens of Winnipeg may be vaccinated free of charge for one month from last Monday.

Small pox still rages in Montreal. Last week 302 deaths occurred in that city and its suburbs from the dread disease.

Mr. Stead, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, has been found guilty of the charges laid against him. Sentence has not yet been passed.

Polling day for the Scott Act, at St. Catharines, Ont., is fixed for the 19th inst. Both sides are putting forth every effort for success.

The Knights of Labor have notified the newspapers of Belleville, that unless they cease calling the Toronto Mail the Knights of Labor will boycott them. The dealers refuse to comply.

HAIRCUTTING.

SHAVING PARLOR.

Over the Billiard Hall, Nelson Street, Virden.

AGENT FOR RUBBER STAMPS.

RANGE 1000.

P. D. WHITE, Prop.

BOOTS! BOOTS!!

Everyone Booted to their satisfaction

— AT —

A. E. SMITH'S.

The CHEAPEST HOUSE in town for every description of

Boots, Shoes, Moccasins, Felts.

A good assortment of

READY MADE

Boots and Shoes just received, and will be constantly kept in stock.

Custom work and repairing will receive prompt attention.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Best Highest prices paid for hides.

Seventh Avenue, Virden.

MEDICAL HALL!

— DEALER IN —

DRUGS & STATIONERY.

Patent Medicines, Druggists Sundries, Fancy and Toilet Articles, School Books, Maps, Etc. Etc.

— Agent for Virden's Special Glasses —

SIXTH AVENUE, VIRDEN, MAN.

FRAME & MILLER,

Importers and Dealers

— IN —

LUMBER,

HARDWARE, TARR'D FELT and BROWN

BUILDING PAPER, PAINTS, OILS

— AND —

FURNITURE!

ALL AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

Our Hay Scales are now ready for Public

— Weighing. —

ELKHORN.

William M. Cushing,

— DEALER IN —

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS

BOOTS and SHOES,

DRYGOODS, CLOTHING,

CROCKERY,

HARDWARE, PAINTS and OILS,

LUMBER, ETC.

TERMS: CASH.

WILLIAM M. CUSHING

DOWNS BROS.

CASH STORE!

We are daily receiving our Fall stock of goods.

Full range of Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes in

Leather and Felt.

Groceries and Provisions at Lowest Possible

Prices.

We Respectfully Solicit Inspection.

LEAVE YOUR WATCHES WITH

W. H. HALL,

"VIRDEN ADVANCE" OFFICE.

And they will be repaired for the same or less money.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

TOWN LOTS!

THE TOWN SITE TRUSTEES OFFER FOR SALE

BUILDING SITES AT ALL STATIONS ON MAIN LINE

OF THE ABOVE RAILWAY, BETWEEN BRANDON AND CALGARY.

W. B. SCARTH, Trustee.

Agent in Virden for Town Lots,

J. F. FRANE,

See Next Week

HOME IS HOME, HOWEVER LOWLY

Cookery for Beginners.
The pleasing custom in many families is to make the daughters responsible for "fancy cookery." Mamma turns naturally, when company is expected, to her young allies for the manufacture of oaks, jellies, blanc-mange,

The disturbance in the appointment of feasts in houses where there are girls growing up

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The Southern route through Manitoba
on the Red River westward has been well

...is the interpreter of the noon.

wish that he might be paralyzed if the
won the next bet. The man won, and

and—haw ! haw ! haw !

habit of giving special orders to makers in Virginia for their supply of smoking tobacco.

Electro Plate  NIA CO.

AND
THE
FIRE

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